Gaming and Betting Amendment (Menangle Park Racecourse) Bill.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

At the passing of the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912, the Menangle Park Racecourse was beyond the forty miles limit from the General Post Office, Sydney, according to the nearest route ordinarily used in travelling, i.e., by railway.

Owing to recent deviations of the Main Southern Railway Line the nearest route is now less than forty miles.

As the number of licensed racecourses and racing days, the days on which meetings may be held, and the license fees are affected by the alteration, it is desired to restore the position to that obtaining before the deviations were made.

A Bill to effect this object was introduced into and passed by the Legislative Council during the last Parliament but, owing to prorogation, the Bill was not finally dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.

 Act No. , 1925.

A BILL

To make special provision regarding the Menangle Park Racecourse; to amend the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912, and for purposes connected therewith.

[Mr. Lazzarini;—1 December, 1925.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Gaming and short title. Betting Amendment (Menangle Park Racecourse) Act, 1925."

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Amendment of Act 1912, No. 25. New s. 51a.

Special provision as to Menangle Park Race-course.

2. The Gaming and Betting Act, 1912, is amended by inserting in Part IV thereof next after section fiftyone the following new section:—

51A. (1) For the purposes of this Part the Menangle Park Racecourse, as used and occupied at the commencement of the Gaming and Betting Amendment (Menangle Park Racecourse) Act, 1925, shall be deemed to be situated beyond forty miles from the General Post Office, Sydney.

(2) The number of days in any one year on 10 which meetings for horse-racing may be held on the said racecourse shall not exceed sixteen.